GERMAN PLOT TO SWAY CONGRESS

Revelations by Secretary of State Lansing Bring Storm of Denunciation.

BERNSTORFF WAS PAYMASTER

or's Request for \$50,000 Regarded as Indicating That Money Had Been Used Before for Same Purpose.

Washington.-Members of congress, government officials and members of the diplomatic corps have not yet recovered from their amasement at the astounding revelations made by Secretary of State Lansing of the plans of Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, to expend \$50,000 in an effort to influnce congress and prevent this coun-

try from going to war with Germany. The revelation of this plot, following the disclosures of other cases of German duplicity in its diplomatic relations with the United States and other countries, had the effect of sweeping away such antiwar propaganda as may still have been alive in the national capital and giving more convincing evidence of the hostile acts which forced the United States into the war.

How Plot Was Revealed. Here is the statement of Secretary

Lansing:

"The secretary of state issues the following statement from Ambassador Bernstorff to the Berlin foreign office, dated January 22, 1917:

"I request authority to pay out up to \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars), in order, as on former occasions, to influence congress through the organization you know of which can perhaps prevent war.

"I am beginning in the meantime to act accordingly.

"In the above circumstances, a pub-Vc official German declaration in favor of Ireland is highly desirable in order to gain the support of Irish influence here."

Capital Stunned by Revelations. The publication of this letter ap-

parently revealing the fact that Bernstorff had previously "influenced congress through the organization you know of," actually stunned the capt Oh the floor of the house, congress-

men were denounced as "suspicious." It was openly stated by some that they believed their colleagues had received German money. According to Representative Tom

Heflin, Alabama, he believes he could name 13 or 14 men in the two houses of congress who have acted suspi-Fess of Ohio and Howard of Geor-

gia both declared the German propaganda worked directly, with money changing hands and reaching government officials. Additional startling revelations of

the free use of money by the Geran government to sustain the Ger man propaganda in the United States will follow Lansing's expose.

These revelations, it was indicated will corroborate the indictment of the German embassy as the dishurst ing bureau for propaganda. Certain Irish-American agitators in the country who have allied themselves with hostile German-Americans may expect to be the next objects of the government's attack.

Convicts Count Bernstorff.

The shower of indictments of German clandestine pre-war activities in this country is relied upon by the state demrtment to set at rest all doubt remaining in any quarters that the German government officially through Count von Bernstorff conspired flagrantly, as asserted in President Wilson's war proclamation, to divide the American people on the is sues of the war. It is believed by the state department that public opinion, after digesting the contents of the series of exposes, may be depended upon to deal effectively with those who became the catspaws of the German embassy.

The message was decoded by Scotland Yards expects after vain attempts by Americans.

Expulsion might have been Von Bernstorff's fate as remotely as 1915 if the state department had then known as much about the secrets of the German code as it knows today. .

Other Shots to Follow. One by one the exhibits in the evi-

dence in the case, it was said at the state department, will be given to the That Americans in high public posi-

tions lent themselves to the German embassy's plan to split congress on the question of war, further decoded messages in the possession of the gov-ernment are expected to demonstrate helyslyely.

More than one of these well-known persons has been under public susleion, but proof of their complicity with the German government has not come forth. It is known that evidence of the most damaging and convincing character has finally been otained by the agents of the govern-

Vice President Marshall made clear-cut statement of his views

LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT

The sunshipe of life is made up of very little beams that are bright all the time. To give up something, when giving up will prevent unhappiness; to yield, when persisting will chafe and fret others; to go a little around rather than come against another; to take an ill look or a cross word quiet-ly, rather than resent or return it— these are the ways in which clouds and storms are kept off and a pleasant months prochise accord.

ward German propagands, following the state department's announceme." This ought to end forever."

said, "any and every doubt in the mind of any American as to the jus-tice of and necessity for this war. It proves that the German government was seeking all along to split us into factions, by corrupt means of neces-sary, possibly hoping in time to win the war in Europe and then humiliate and subjugate us. He who is not whole-heartedly for the war runs a grave risk of being suspected of getting a part of the fifty thousand dollars. This is an honest congress, and all its members will resent this insult to its intelligence and honor."

Whether the state department is in ssion of other evidence indicating the ambassador's activities has not been revealed, but the extraordinary disclosures already made have fixed the belief that agents of the United States government have collected and compiled the entire story of German duplicity and intrigue and that additional chapters will be added.

Knew Plan of "Ruthlessness." The reference to averting war is taken as an Indication that Ambassador Bernstorff had prior knowledge of his government's intention to proclaim a merciless widespread submarine warfare and that he was equally confident that the United States government could not be easily placated by mere promises. The German announcement of its intention to expand its submarine activities was not made public until January 31, when the world was startled not only by the determination to remove all restrictions, but by the statement that it would become effective on the following day. Three days later the United States government had expressed its disapproval by severing relations with Germany.

That the German ambassador knew of his government's intention was assumed by some officials, although at the same time he denied prior knowledge and those in close touch with the embassy were given to understand that he did not approve the course and worked to obtain modification.

Small Amount for Bribe.

It has not been assumed that the ambassador actually attempted to bribe or personally influence any member of congress, and doubt that such was his purpose is supported to some extent by the comparatively small amount of money he asked. Fifty thousand dollars, it was pointed out, would go but a short way toward buying the influence of any congressman. Judiciously expended, however, it might do much in compensating paid agents, such as are now known to have belonged to the elaborate machine Bernstorff had so carefully built up for the production of propaganda and for purposes of espionage.

Search Anti-War List.

As soon as news of the Bernstorff shown in the lists of those who opposed the war resolution.

time ago," Representative Heflin said, gravies of all kinds in place of water in discussing the revelations, "that Ger- or milk. many thought we were a cowardly pecple and afraid to fight, but I did not know that we were a corrupt people ripe tomatoes. Cook a dozen ears of and their meat is of a high quality. and would betray man gold.

"The telegram sent by Count you Bernstorff is an admission of the fact that Germany had a corruption fund in the United States for the purpose of carrying on German propaganda.

"If members have acted in suspicious fashlon by the introduction of resolutions or bills or by speeches in congress or out of congress, that leads to the conviction that they are not loyal to this government at this time, they ought to be investigated, and, if found guilty, they ought to be expelled from the floor of this house and from the floor of the senate of the United States.

Propaganda Still Lives.

Senator Husting was one of the first to make a declaration after the state department had made its spectacular disclosure. "Although Bernstorff is gone," he

said, "the spirit of Bernstorff still lives, and I trust the department of justice and the secret service will go to the bottom of this thing and that the organization which has been built up in this country through the efforts of the German government will be rooted out and utterly eliminated.

"This is highly interesting information, but I am not surprised. I myself have an order for \$5,000 to be paid to a certain publication signed by Bern-

"The thing that impresses me, however, is that Bernstorff has been gone for months and yet the propaganda goes on. Now it was apparent long before we entered the war that all of this propaganda was not coming forth by chance. It was clear that It was inspired by some astute, powerful, clever source, and that source was the German government.

"Bernstorff was not the only medium through which money was paid

out. "I have no doubt that sufflions of dollars have been expended here to influence American public opinion.

"This organization must be destroyed. We must take it out by the roots. It must not be allowed to live here after the war. Otherwise we shall have in our midst propaganda which will influence elections and from which politicians will run this way

"THE LAND OF BLADES."

Japan is called "the land of blades" Japan is called "the land of blades" by its own people, some of the older scholars having declared that the first sword was invented by the same god who invented poetry. A maker of swords in Japan was ever highly bonored among his fellow mechanics. An unustally skillful and artistic entities entering the property of high military rank, a yearly penden or was even raised to the heritally of the persons in solids an direct.

War Adventures "Over There"

BY RICHARD BOECKEL

- of the Royal Flying corps, repeated my question. "It's rather an interesting story. I got it back of the German lines.

"I was out canoeing on the lake near Chicago when I got the impulse to go over. Without telling my parents I crossed over to Canada and enlisted in the flying corps. There were three months of training and then I was sent to London. From London I cabled back to Chicago, telling my parents where I was. Some pretty hot replies came back, but they didn't reach me in London. It was hotter where I was when the messages arrived, so they didn't have much ef-

"Early one morning we were ordered up in the air to get an ammunition dump some six miles behind the German lines. We were up as soon as it was daylight and headed with two other machines for the place we were to trouble before it crossed our lines and gently to earth. Just a case of engine trouble, so we went ahead. We exchanging gasoline. were subjected to a pretty hot fire were off to our ammunition dump.

opened up on us with his 'archibalds.' | German balls with my leg."

"Where did I get the limp?" Lieu-| The 'archibalds' are called antiaircraft guns by civilians,

"I felt my machine jerk and knew I had been hit. A piece of shell had gone through my petrol tank. My esgine stopped and my pilot was forced to drop down behind the German trenches. The pilot of my companion machine saw I was in trouble and dropped down alongside of me. We always figure that it is better for two machines to go down together, for often it is possible to make quick repairs and get aloft again before the Germans get to us.

"If the machine was gone beyond repair we would have touched it off to prevent its falling into the hands of the Germans and all four of us would have got into the good machine for our trip back.

"The holes through our petrol tank were just as clean as you could wish for. We were patching them up with bomb. One of the machines got into a couple pieces of wood when some Germans came upon them. Both mahad to descend. We saw there was chines turned their machine guns on no damage. The airplane volplaned the Germans and sprayed them while we were completing the repairs and

"The Germans replied with a volley when we crossed over the German from their rifles and I felt a sharp trenches, but we got across safely and sting in my leg. We got into the machines again and safely up aloft be-"We dropped two or three bombs fore the Germans got to us. When we on the place and saw it go up in landed back of our own lines I felt Then we were ready to re- faint and had to be carried from my turn. Just before we crossed the Ger- car. The floor of the car was cov-

The product should always be cooked

in the water in which it has been

soaked, otherwise much food material

In cooking dried fruits and vegeta-

bles the slower and longer the process

the better the results. The long, slow

cooking not only makes a much more

plump and attractive-looking product

Directions for cooking dried fruits

and vegetables are summarized by

Miss Addie D. Root of the University

of Missouri college of agriculture, as

1. Wash the product. 2. Sonk sev-

eral hours, to replace the water which

has been dried out. 3. Cook slowly

several hours. 4. For fruits use as lit-

tle water as possible and only a little

sugar. 5. If it is a fruit which has a

flat taste, add a little lemon juice or

POULTRY POINTERS

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Making the most of everything in

the poultry business is a sure way to

Odd or surplus cockerels should be

made over into capons to help increase

Capons grow to substantial weights

Cockerels from two to six months

old are of the caponizing age, but the

younger they are the better the work

From one and a half to two and

half pounds is generally accepted as

the best weight of cockerels for capon-

Experience and practice soon make

the work easy to those so inclined to

A knowledge of the essential fen-

tures of the operation and a good set

of tools soon put the operator in the

Birds intended for caponizing should

Refraining from feeding the birds

before, always helps the operator as

The operation should be preferred

in the daytime, and the brighter the

light the more easily are the organs

When the operator is skillful the op-

eration is only the matter of seconds

After the birds have been operated

upon, place them in a house from

which the roosts and other furniture

have been removed, and cover the floor

with straw, hay or leaves for a bed-

Don't crowd them too much until

they have taken to their feed and

show some strength after the opera-

Fruits as Foods.

not be fed for 36 hours prior to the

front ranks of the profession.

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follows:

******************************** | as over night, before they are cooked. Mother's Cook Book

Food for the Family.

Before the good greens are frost bitten and spoiled one should can a few jars with carrots, celery and an onion or two to use for the children in the winter. Two or three carrots cut up with a stalk or two of celery and onion with the bulk of the jar filled with spinach, or Swiss chard will take its place. This combination is highly recommended by dieticians, for little people, beginning as soon as vegetables mny be given. Two or three tablespoonfuls of this mixture put through a puree sleve may be added to any message reached the capitol members meat broth or a cream soup. Children began a hasty search of the files to find may early learn to enjoy all vegetables the names of the men who voted by adding them to soups and various against war. While there was no as- dishes. As the mineral matter consertion from anyone that anyone of tained in vegetables is so valuable to these members was influenced by Ger- growing children a variety of vegeman propaganda or money, yet it was tables should be served and always in pointed out that if such influence was some attractive and tasty form to inexerted, and if it had any effect, the duce the liking for them. Potato wanames of those affected would be ter contains valuable mineral matter, which water may be added to bread osed the war resolution. when setting the sponge, buckwheat "I was forced to the conclusion some griddle cakes instead of water and

Canned Vegetables for Soup. Scald, peel and mash one peck of corn out from the coh and scrape off all the tender bits of the kernel. Put a bunch of celery, one-half peck of onlons, two medium heads of cabbage, one dozen small carrots and three bunches of well-washed celery through the meat chopper. Pack in jars and cook under water, following the directions for cold pack canning. In the winter add the amount of cooked vegetables needed to any kind of broth, Potatoes and turnips may be added when used. Tomatoes and corn may be omitted and any liked combination used. If corn is used, however, the cooking must continue three hours.

Peanut Butter Soup. A delicious and nourishing soup may be made from peanut butter and skim milk. Heat a pint of milk until warm, add two tablespoonfuls of peanut butter, mixed to a paste with a little of the milk. Salt and season to taste and thicken with a teaspoonful each of butter and flour cooked together until

smooth. When scalding hot, serve, Fried corn is delicious. Mix with little finely chopped green pepper and cook in any sweet fat, corn oil or olive oil. Season with salt and pepper and serve with crisp bacon.

Necie Maxwell

Cooking Dried Foods.

The palatability of dried foods depends largely upon the manner in which they are prepared for serving. In the process of drying fruits and vegetables most of the water is removed. This water must be supplied in the process of preparation. The best way to accomplish this is by sonking the products several hours, such

It is believed that if the people of this country would eat more fruits they would be more healthful and efficient. The average family does not

Salt Cuts a Figure.

The unluckiness of spilling the salt has not been ununimously explained. Some think that it is because Judas Iscarlot seems to be spilling it in Da Vinci's picture of the Last Supper. Others think that it is because sait is a symbol of incorruptibility, and its spilling is, therefore, a sign of broken friendships and general upsets. Very superstitious people will take a pinch of the split salt and throw it over the left shoulder, which is supposed to avert the evil consequences of the mis-hap. The left shoulder is associated hap. The left snouncer is with the devil, or one's evil genius, with the devil, or one's evil genius, and the thrown pinch is suppo

Fingerprints 1,000 Years Old.

invention, he quotes Bashid-Eddin, the famous Persian historian, who described in 1308 the then ancient Chinese custom: Soleiman, an Arabian merchant, who wrote in A. D. 851 that in China creditors' bills were marked by the debtor with his fingers; and three contracts dated A. D. 782 and 786, both finger marked and bearing n note to the effect that the parties thereto had affixed the impressions of their fingers.

Playing Sefe. First Married Man—What are you ntting out of the paper? Second Married Man—An Item ab

*********** Popular Science,

Five per cent of all storage eggs are spoiled because of minte breaks in the shell. A little more care in handling would save them.

The chimney sweep has persisted longer in Paris than in any other city, but his gradual disappearance in that city is noted

The long, silky fiber of the silk-cotton tree, found principally in Jamaica, is extensively used for making stuffing for pillow cushions.

Shark killing is now accor plished with greater facility by means of an electrified wire through which a severe shock is given as soon as the fish takes

Blind persons are enabled to write letters neatly by means of a gauge which holds the paper and guides the pencil regularly across the surface.

consume enough fresh, canned and preserved fruits. Especially is this true with those in poor circumstances who must buy most of their foods, says an exchange.

Farmers should provide for an abundance of fruits in season; not only should plenty of fresh fruits be available, but there should be enough to can, preserve and dry for future

The opportunity for producing fruits for home use is too great to neglect. As a means of providing a wholesome and palatable food supply growing fruits is important. Every farm should have sufficient acreage in orman lines on our return trip Fritz ered with blood. I had stopped two chard to supply the needs of the mannger and his family.

A MEAN ADVANTAGE.



Henpeck-I love to take my wife au-

a little cream of tartar. 6. Chopped nuts may be sprinkled in stewed fruit Henderson-Indeed? for variety and to increase the food Henpeck-Yes. We go so fast that she's too scared to say a word.

Great Ararat Not Known by This Name to the Armenians.

Great Ararat, which looms up about 17,000 feet into the Armenian sky and looks down on the lands of Russia, Turkey and Persia, although so truly the rallying point, as it were, for the Armenian people, is quite unknown to the native Armenian by this name. The people who actually dwell within sight of its great snow-capped dome, who look out toward it over the plain from Erivan, some thirty miles away to the north, or from the frontier mountain slopes away to the south, call it by a variety of names. If they are Armenians they call it "Massis:" if Turks, "Aghrl Dagh," and if Persians, "Koh-i-Nuh," or the "Mountain of

Nonh." There are really, of course, two mountains, or, rather, there is one vast mass out of which rise two peaks, "their bases confluent at a height of 8,800 feet their summits about seven miles apart." Little Ararat, upon whose slopes it is that the territories of the three kingdoms actually meet, is some 4,000 feet lower than its big brother; but, nevertheless, with its 12,-840 feet, it is "none so little."

GOD SPEED YOU. SOLDIER BOY!

By CHARLES A. SNYDER.

The nation to arms has called you, Bravely Boy, you have answered the call. And no matter whate'er may befail you,

We're with you a hundred million all. God speed you, Soldier Boy: keep you day

by day,
And bring you back to us unharmed
At the closing of the fray.
Mothers, dads and sweethearts true, the
friends you've left behind

rienus you've lett benind
Are praying that you, on the battleground,
Might hear this prayer of cheer.
May God speed you, Soldier Boy, to all
of us most dear.

So let's pray that 'twill all soon be ended And back home once again you'll return,
With Old Glory and Victory blended
To your loved ones who night and day
will yearn.

Two Scales Used on Camera.

One of the radical features of high-grade folding camera that has been introduced especially for the particular amateur, and which is described in Popular Mechanics Magasine, is a new focusing arrangemen kine, is a new focusing arrangement which permits the necessary adjustments to be made before opening the case. The advantage of this refinement will be apparent to the person who is practiced in making exposures under trying conditions that call for speed. The exterior scale is provided on the frust side of the case. When the opening button is pressed, the front drops into piece, and the less and shutter holder, attached to the bettern.

Had the Pharless One man who appeared for physical examination before a local exemption

board recently was asked by the physi clan if he had ever been sick. "Yes," said the man, "I've had pharisee a couple of times," Careful questioning finally brought out the fact that the man had had the

pleurisy.-Indianapolis News.

WOMAN'S CROWNING GLORYto her hair. If yours is streaked with ugly, grizzly, gray hairs, use "La Cre-ole" Hair Dressing and change it in the natural way. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

Watching and Waiting.

The attorney for a litigant who case was about to be called for trial was examining the jurymen as to their qualifications, and was questioning juror No. 10, says the Indianapolis

"What de you do?" the lawyer asked.

"I am doing nothing just at present," he answered. "How long bave you been doing nothing?

"th, for quite a while." "What did you do before you did

nothing?" "I was watching and waiting." "In other words," remarked the inquisitor, "you were not doing anything before you did nothing. Is that right?"

as I said." "Where were you when you were watching and waiting?"

"I was watching at the --- Lumber Company, and was waiting at the -hotel."

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Barber Shop for Bird An Indianapolis mother to story of the four-year-old the household" who observed a bird lying on the sidewalt near home. It was, of course, with

ers, being very young, and had er ly fallen from its nest among boughs of the oak tree above. "Oh, muvver," said the young didn't know they had barber ab little birds. Looky, this one has a

been shaved."—Indianapolis News CUTICURA HEALS ECZEMA

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An Unkind Cut. Wife (reading the headlines of the daily paper)-"One Wife Too Many," any more than he has to." Why do they print those disgusting big- "That's probably the reason he's amy stories?

Husband-Maybe It isn't bigamy, my

Philosophy is that which enables a rich man to say there is no disgrace

in being poor. Where there's a will there's always

You will look ten years younger it you darken your ugly, grizzly, gray bain by using "La Creole" Hair Dr No man can expect to achieve popu-

Undoubtedly.

"He's rich and yet he never mende

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larity in the role of a game warden or tax collector.

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bride getting along by this time?" "Finer than frog hair!" triumphantly replied the Missourian. "They've been married mighty nigh three weeks now, and, by cripes, they are still speaking!"-Judge.

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Nevt Boasto. One of our able senators was argu-ing a momentous naval question with

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